

MEMO

DATE: February 3, 2005

TO: The Regional Council
The Community Economic and Human Development Committee
The Energy and Environment Committee
The Transportation and Communications Committee (TCC)

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SUBJECT: State and Federal Legislative Matrix

The California State Legislature reconvened on January 3rd, launching the 2005-2006 Legislative Session. This is the first year of a two-year session; no bills or constitutional amendments have carried over from 2004. Since the 3rd, Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger has met the constitutional deadline of submitting his Fiscal Year 2005-06 Budget to the Legislature. Bill introduction during this early part of the session will be guided by two dates: January 21st is the last day to submit bill requests to the Office of Legislative Counsel, and February 18th is the last day for bill introduction.

SCAG Government Affairs staff is reviewing new bills as they are introduced for relevance to SCAG's jurisdictional areas of interest. As of this writing on January 13, 2005, fourteen bills or constitutional amendments have been flagged for further review. Attached to this memo, all fourteen are listed in a brief summary for the Regional Council. Each committee, however, will receive with this memo a more detailed look at bills within its field. Due to the congressional inaugural break, there is no federal legislation to review at this time.



Private file: Transportation

CA ACA 4

AUTHOR: Plescia (R)
TITLE: Transportation Investment Fund
FISCAL COMMITTEE: no
URGENCY CLAUSE: no
LOCATION: ASSEMBLY
CODE SECTION:

A resolution to propose to the people of the State of California an amendment to the Constitution of the State, by amending Section 1 of Article XIX B thereof, relating to transportation.

SUMMARY:

Relates to existing law which requires that sales taxes on motor vehicle fuel that are deposited into the General Fund be transferred to the Transportation Investment Fund. Deletes the provision authorizing the Governor and the Legislature to suspend the transfer of revenues from the General Fund to the Transportation Investment Fund for a fiscal year during a fiscal emergency.

DIGEST:

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACA 4, as introduced, Plescia. Transportation Investment Fund

Article XIX B of the California Constitution requires, commencing with the 2003-04 fiscal year, that sales taxes on motor vehicle fuel that are deposited into the General Fund be transferred to the Transportation Investment Fund for allocation to various transportation purposes. Article XIX B authorizes this transfer to the Transportation Investment Fund to be suspended in whole or in part for a fiscal year during a fiscal emergency pursuant to a proclamation by the Governor and the enactment of a statute by a 2/3 vote in each house of the Legislature if the statute does not contain any unrelated provision. This measure would delete the provision authorizing the Governor and the Legislature to suspend the transfer of revenues from the General Fund to the Transportation Investment Fund for a fiscal year during a fiscal emergency. Vote: 2/3. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no. State-mandated local program: no.

STATUS:

12/06/2004 INTRODUCED.
Subject: Revenue/Bond, Transport

CA SB 32

AUTHOR: Alarcon (D)
TITLE: Los Angeles County Regional Airport Authority
FISCAL COMMITTEE: no
URGENCY CLAUSE: no
LOCATION: SENATE
CODE SECTION:

An act relating to the Los Angeles County Regional Airport Authority.

SUMMARY:

Declares the intent of the Legislature to establish the Los Angeles County Regional Airport Authority.

DIGEST:

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 32, as introduced, Alarcon. Los Angeles County Regional Airport Authority.

This bill would declare the intent of the Legislature to establish the Los Angeles County Regional Airport Authority.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no. State-mandated local program: no.

STATUS:

12/09/2004 INTRODUCED.
Subject: Transport

CA SB 45

AUTHOR: Alarcon (D)
TITLE: Intermodal Marine Terminals
FISCAL COMMITTEE: no
URGENCY CLAUSE: no
LOCATION: SENATE
CODE SECTION:

An act to add Chapter 28.5 (commencing with Section 22928) to Division 8 of the Business and Professions Code, relating to transportation.

SUMMARY:

Prohibits an intermodal marine equipment provider or marine terminal operator from imposing per diem or detention charges, or demurrage charges, on an intermodal motor carrier relative to transactions involving cargo shipped by intermodal transport under certain circumstances.

DIGEST:

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 45, as introduced, Alarcon. Intermodal marine terminals.

Existing law imposes special regulations on various business activities but does not specifically regulate detention and per diem charges imposed by intermodal terminals on intermodal equipment used by motor carriers.

This bill would prohibit an intermodal marine equipment provider or marine terminal operator from imposing per diem or detention charges, as defined, or demurrage charges, on an intermodal motor carrier relative to transactions involving cargo shipped by intermodal transport under certain circumstances.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no. State-mandated local program: no.

STATUS:

01/05/2005

INTRODUCED.

Subject:

Transport

CA SB 53

AUTHOR:

Kehoe (D)

TITLE:

San Diego County Regional Airport Authority

LOCATION:

SENATE

CODE SECTION:

An act to amend Section 170018 of, to add Section 170041 to, and to repeal Sections 170010, 170012, and 170014 of, the Public Utilities Code, relating to the San Diego County Regional Airport Authority.

SUMMARY:

Repeals obsolete provisions pertaining to the interim San Diego County Regional Airport Authority board. Makes a technical corrective change. Amends the San Diego County Regional Airport Act to explicitly restate the applicability of the Ralph M. Brown Act to the Authority.

DIGEST:

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 53, as introduced, Kehoe. San Diego County Regional Airport Authority.

(1) Existing provisions of the San Diego County Regional Airport Authority Act provided for administration of the San Diego County Regional Airport Authority by an interim board with prescribed membership until December 2, 2002.

This bill would repeal obsolete provisions pertaining to that interim board.

(2) Existing law requires the appropriate appointing authority to fill a vacancy on the authority board occurring prior to the expiration of the member's term.

This bill would make a technical corrective change in the language of this provision.

(3) Existing open-meeting requirements of the Ralph M. Brown Act are applicable to all local agencies, including the authority.

This bill would amend the San Diego County Regional Airport Authority Act to explicitly restate the applicability of the Ralph M. Brown Act to the authority.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no. State-mandated local program: no.

STATUS:

01/10/2005

INTRODUCED.

Subject:

Transport

CA SR 8

AUTHOR:

Torlakson (D)

TITLE:

Transportation and Housing

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LOCATION: Senate Rules Committee

SUMMARY:

Declares that the Senate places a high priority during the 2005-06 Regular Session on improving access to housing and reducing traffic congestion by promoting affordable housing, infill development, and other policies that allow people to live closer to their workplaces.

STATUS:

01/11/2005

INTRODUCED.

01/11/2005

To SENATE Committee on RULES.

Subject:

Housing, Transport

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